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Don't Forget That Great Bend's Welcome Is As Cordial to All Visitors Every Day As It Was Wednesday.

The Big Picnic.

The annual picnic and barbecue which is a fixed annual event, was pulled off by the Business Men's Association on Wednesday, right on schedule time, and with the same or greater degree of success than any of its predecessors. Notwithstanding the bad weather which has prevailed the past week making the roads bad, and the fever scare, which came about ten days ago, the crowd was as large as last year. We should judge there were at least 5,000 people in the city to partake of the hospitality of our business men. The condition of the roads cut down the number of autos in the parade, but yet there were quite a large number, and headed by the band, they paraded down Main street, and thence to the fair grounds. As is nearly always the case the balloon failed to go up, but this was not in any way the fault of the business men. At 11:30 about seventy-five of the "Boys" donned their white aprons and caps and proceeded to deal out the loaves and fishes to the multitude. Bread, barbecued beef and pork, pickles and coffee were served, and everyone got all they asked for, although the supply of meat ran a little bit short. Then followed a concert by the band, after which an excellent program was pulled off.

When the entertainment at the fair grounds had been concluded, all the people who could reasonably get into the ball park were there to witness the second game between Great Bend and Newton, which, as is always the case when there is a large crowd present, went against the home team. This outcome was the result of inability to hit at the right time, and errors so numerous that we do not like to give the number thereof. There were one or two stunts pulled off that would much better have been left in the club house, instead of being taken out on the diamond. The "Millers" have a rattling good bunch of players but must secure a full sized dose of harmony before they will be able to do much business in the percentage column.

In the evening the band gave a short concert in the park after which it was all off so far as the committee was concerned, and all went about their way feeling that they had enjoyed the day very much.

Too much credit cannot be given Chairman Spangh, the members of his committee, and the members of all the other committees, for the faithful manner in which they performed their various duties, and the success of this picnic pulled off under difficulties, that at times seemed insurmountable, assures the people of Barton county and vicinity that it is a fixed event. The crowd was orderly and good natured, and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Marriage Licenses.

J. F. Stuckey, Wichita,22
Mildred Scholler, Otis,26
J. Hermann, Clafin,26
Anna Grestenkorn, Redwing, 26
Ernest Jessup, Hoisington,21
Emily Gray, Galatia,18
E. L. Sellers, Great Bend,25
Hattie Brower, Great Bend,24
John K. Pickerill, Clafin,20
Sophia E. Kramer, Clafin,20

The last named couple were married by Judge Hall at his office on Monday of this week.

Half Section Cheap.

A half section of land 2 1/4 miles southwest of Nekoma, 150 acres in cultivation, rest in grass, some rough land. It's a bargain. Inquire of Whitecomb & Werhahn.

Mrs. J. F. Lewis, who last week attended the state meeting of the Eastern Star, went on to Chicago for a visit with her son, Lawrence.

Charles Wells and Charles Trav is, the latter having recently located here, have formed a partnership in the real estate business occupying the offices over the M. & B. store formerly occupied by Mr. Wells. Both men are hustlers, and will no doubt do a fine business.

Castleton Farmers Build an Ideal Road.

The best example of road building to come to the attention of W. B. Harris, the county engineer is in Castleton township and runs along the section line west of the city of Castleton. It begins at the Nineseah river and runs north three and one-half miles to the township line. This road has recently been improved by the farmers along the line of the road and is one of the best in the county. The improvements were made at a cost of \$50 a mile. Another road 6 miles long in Lincoln township has been built by the same method and is equally as good.

A traction engine with two road graders was run over the road four times and the soil was thoroughly pulverized. The graders were followed by a road drag which dragged the dirt into the holes, thus leaving the road the same elevation from end to end and thoroughly packed.

The road was given a crown slope of one inch to each foot allowed for the width of the driveway. The allowance for the crown is less than is allowed on many occasions, thus the high crown which is often found as an objectionable feature, has been eliminated.

The grading was completed about two weeks ago. Immediately after the heavy rain which fell more than a week ago, the farmers returned to the road with a drag and went over it until the holes that had been occasioned by the rain in places where the dirt had not packed during the process of grading.

The work was done under the direction of R. D. Holderman, the road overseer, who had received plans, specifications and instructions from Engineer Harris.

A similar road which is just as good and was built in a similar manner is located in Lincoln township. This road is six miles long extending straight south through South Hutchinson along the Monroe street line. The builders of this road used the same methods in building and grading and have found the road drag to be equally as useful as did the road builders of Castleton township.

The county engineer has inspected these roads and pronounced them to be perfect, and asserts that the builders have been more successful in building an ideal road than in any locality where the roads have been improved recently. Engineer Harris is highly pleased with the result of the work.

It is his desire that the road builders of the county examine these roads and investigate the manner of building before attempting to improve the roads through out the county.—Hutchinson Gazette.

Jury List.

The jury list for the next term of the District Court which convenes on June 7, has been drawn and consists of the following named citizens:

H. N. Bortz, Cheyenne; J. A. Mall, Hoisington; Henry Hirsch, Lakin; Jacob J. Unruh, Pawnee Rock; Henry Weirauch, Great Bend; A. M. Peters, Pawnee Rock; W. C. Mangelsdorf, Ellinwood; W. H. Varah, Hoisington; H. M. Cole, Great Bend; Will Langreth, Comanche; Philip Stuck, Wheatland; Earl Moses, Great Bend; Chris Evers, Independent; G. W. Sams, Great Bend; Fred Stephan, Ellinwood; Will Townsley, Great Bend; J. W. Baes, Buffalo, Adam Krause, Great Bend; J. S. Stoskopf, Hoisington; Fred Biehler, Lakin; A. J. Deekert, Pawnee Rock; H. R. Arnold, Walnut; Thos. Moran, Independent; R. Campbell, Walnut; Andy Ruble, Great Bend; Wm. Everett, Buffalo; R. M. Annis, Great Bend; Chas. Blockley, Ellinwood; Fred Metz, Comanche; W. S. Shapland, Fairview; Jas. Varah, Wheatland; Ed Ziegenbusch, Great Bend; Al Kindsvater, Hoisington; H. H. C. Davis, Great Bend; Fred Steckel, Ellinwood; O. L. Cully, Independent.

The old Congregational church building is about all down, and the grounds will be cleared at once to make room for the new structure to be erected.

Common School Graduates.

There were 45 applicants for county diplomas from the third class city schools of Barton county. 38 made the required average and will be granted diplomas. Of the 38 15 are from the Ellinwood schools, 18 from the Pawnee Rock schools and five from the Clafin schools. The highest average was 94.2 per cent and was made by Miss Thelma Williams of the Pawnee Rock schools. The second highest was 93.8 per cent and was made by James Bloom, also of Pawnee Rock. In the class there are twenty girls and eighteen boys. Following are the names of those who will receive diplomas.

Larrie Steckel, Pearl V. Matthei, Andrew Christoph, Hanna Denker, Freddie Winkelman, Alfred Pohlman, Lewis Bankson, Frank Tullis Willie McCracken, Cecile L. Morris, Rosa Christoph, Lloyd Turek, Hazel M. Hines, Caroline Kienzie, Edith Komarek, Bessie Bloom, Ralph H. Bowman, Zell F. Nichols, Frances L. Bowman, Ed Koehn, Bert C. Smith, Hazel M. Mossbarger, Harold E. Robertson, Fay A. Wycoff, Thelma Williams, Elmer Miller, Chester Unruh, Leonard J. Kell, Laura F. Seaman, Marie N. Hohl, Jessie Olphand, Ruth Herthel, Vanteta Giller, Adrian McNutt.

Normal Institute.

The Barton County Normal Institute will hold its annual four weeks session in the high school building, Great Bend, Kansas, beginning on May 31st. C. E. St. John of Marion, will conduct and R. K. Farrar of Osborne, Helen A. Minnis of Ellinwood and Lillian M. Rediger of Great Bend, will instruct. All teachers, prospective teachers and any who desire to review the Normal subjects cannot afford to miss this session. A very successful institute is anticipated.

Farmers Lose Money on Eggs.

Every day instances are brought before the notice of those interested in the marketing of fresh eggs of some community of farmers that have lost a lot of money because they did not bring to the markets their best eggs.

One buyer was compelled to purchase over 800 cases of eggs in order to be able to select 400 cases or one car, for a shipment of first class eggs. Of these 800 cases bought, 300 were too small, 75 too dirty and 25 cracked. The price paid was 17 cents per dozen, or \$5.10 per case. This buyer stated that if even 80 per cent of these eggs, instead of 50 per cent, had been first-class he would have been able to have paid 2 cents per dozen or 60 cents per case more than he did. 800 cases at a 60-cent increase would have placed \$480 more into the pockets of the farmers. The effort required to have sold good eggs instead of inferior ones to this buyer would certainly not have cost the producers \$480. Knowledge is of value, and knowing what eggs to market and how to market them would mean increased profit to any farmer who has eggs to sell. The egg buyers will pay increased prices for guaranteed strictly fresh eggs, providing farmers will bring them to town and by candling prove their freshness.

A. G. PHILIPS,

Poultry Husbandman.

Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan.

Curt Zutavern spent several days in Anthony this week.

Everett Ashpole is stepping very lightly on one foot just now, the result of stepping on a rusty nail last week.

Miss Cora Peck entertained the teachers of the west side building at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Morrison Friday evening of last week.

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching from pure bred Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, also Light Brahmas Mrs. Jas. Kepple, 1223 Morton St. Great Bend, Kan. 5-13-4t.

The W. O. W. camp held a special meeting on Thursday evening of last week, the particular occasion being a visit from Mr. J. W. Kaiser, state deputy, of Topeka. A successful meeting was held.

He Laid Out Ellinwood.

Announcement is made from Ringwood, Okla., of the death of Capt. J. R. Ellinwood, who made the original survey of the Santa Fe railroad and established many of the towns along that line. The town of Ellinwood, Kan., was named for him. He also surveyed the Santa Fe line south through Wichita, which town he surveyed and located, and later was connected with the engineering departments of the Rock Island and Frisco railroads. At one time he was the owner of a fine home near Topeka, but financial difficulties overtook him. He came to Oklahoma several years ago and had been living quietly on a farm in Major county. He was postmaster at Waltham until that office was discontinued.

Vital Washington News.

By Tavenner, Special Washington Correspondent.

Representative government almost—but not quite—prevails in the national house of representatives.

Although still objectionable as passed by the house, the railroad regulation bill was discussed, amended and improved. And it was all done in the open.

The entire membership of the house, for a change, was permitted to vote on the question of rejecting undesirable sections. The improvement of the bill by amendment was also allowed.

Heretofore these privileges have to all practical ends been enjoyed almost exclusively by the representatives of the tariff trusts, the railroads, Wall street and other form of special privilege which dominate the Republican party through either the control of local politics or colossal campaign contributions.

Had the Cannon machine been working smoothly, the railroad bill would have been prepared by committee in the exact form it would have become law. That is, a few men would have done the legislating instead of the entire membership of the house. Had Cannonism prevailed, the railroad bill would have been reported from committee under a rule prohibiting the membership of the house from voting for or against amendment. Bad features of the bill could not have been eliminated. The entire measure, jokers and all, would have been forced down the throat of the house just as submitted by "Uncle Joe's" Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, which is generously packed with men friendly to the railroads.

The improvement of the railroad bill in the house through a coalition of the Democrats and Progressives is a cause for rejoicing. But it does not mean that the people have really wrested control of the national law making machinery from the special privilege ring, for this reason.

The house is only the lower branch of Congress. The railroad bill will not become a law as passed by the house. The senate is the dominating branch of Congress, and it is still controlled absolutely by the greedy corporate interests. The senate will pass a bill containing some of the very features stricken from the measure in the house as being against the welfare of the people. Both the senate and house bills will then be sent to a conference committee composed of three or five members of each branch of Congress. As the majority of the conferees will be "regular" Republicans, specially selected by Aldrich and Cannon, it goes without saying that much of the good work accomplished by the house Democrats and Progressives will be reversed.

The finale of the railroad bill promises to be the tariff fiasco all over again.

Representative government will have given special privilege a tight race, but in the finish the Aldrichism and Cannonism will win by a nose. But why should such a result be considered strange? For what purpose do the railroads make \$260,000 contributions to the Republican campaign fund if it is not to control the Republican party's legislation?

The McCall Campaign Publicity

bill has been so amended as to provide for the publication of campaign contributions AFTER election, instead of BEFORE AND AFTER election. Publicity of contributions after election is regarded by the Democrats as something like locking the door of the stable after the horse has been stolen. Senator Burrows, of Michigan, Chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, very kindly explained why the provision for publicity of contributions before election had been stricken from the McCall bill. "If," said Senator Burrows, "we were to give out the list of contributors prior to an election it would mean that unscrupulous newspapers and persons would take advantage of the information thus disclosed and proceed to denounce the candidate on the strength of the character of the contributions made to his campaign." In other words if the voters were permitted to know who was putting up the money for the candidate's campaign they might defeat him. Could a stronger argument be presented for publicity BEFORE election as well as after election? Think it over.

Instead of saving any portion of the \$300,000,000 which Senator Aldrich asserts is being wasted by the government annually through "obsolete business methods," the Taft administration threatens to break all records in the history of the government in the enormous expenditure of money. It looks now as if the appropriations for this session of Congress would exceed the appropriations of the last regular session to the extent of about \$20,000,000. This will be a billion dollar session and then some.

Congressman Chas. F. Barelay of Pennsylvania, a Cannon republican, has allowed it to become known that the state of his health will not permit him to continue as a candidate for re-election. This is the ninth "standpatter" whose ill health, due largely to voting for the Payne-Aldrich tariff revision upward, has necessitated withdrawal from the approaching congressional elections.

During the first ten days of May the government spent \$1,619,081.46 more than it took in. (Newspapers that have been stating the new tariff law is a success from the standpoint of producing sufficient revenue to run the government, please copy.)

The Postal Bank bill, promised in the National Republican platform as a substitute for the guarantee of bank deposits is hovering between life and death in the house committee on Postoffices and Postroads.

"Immediate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico," another Republican promise, lies neglected and alone in the senate committee on Territories, and Congress is about ready to close up shop.

Palace Market Changes Hands.

Peter Burgland and John Cord of Dodge City last week purchased the Palace Market from R. F. Reed, assuming charge of the business on Monday of this week. The gentlemen come very highly recommended as to their ability to handle this line of business, Mr. Burgland having been in the meat business for the past thirty years. Mr. Reed, during the time he has operated this market, has given good satisfaction to his patrons, and has built up a fine trade which the new proprietors will endeavor by courteous treatment and selling the best of everything, to hold. We wish them success in their new line.

Public Sale.

I will sell at public auction at my farm one mile south and two miles west of Olmitz, and two miles south and four miles east of Otis, beginning at one o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, May 25, 1910, 7 head of horses, 3 cows, 3 heifers and all farm implements, tools, etc. HENRY HABERMAN, Olmitz, Kans.

A young lady named Fiedner had a little run away accident in this city Wednesday afternoon as a result of which she is at the hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown.

Teachers Elected.

The school board met Monday night and elected a number of teachers for the year. Prof. Eddy, of the present force in the high school was re-elected, and Miss Elsie Wood was elected a teacher. The grade teachers elected were Misses Thatcher, Cheney, Fruit, Buckland, Rush, Mathewson, Swartz, Nimocks, Spahr and Bailey, Mrs. Rediger, Mrs. O'Neil and Mr. Confare, present principal of the east building.

Treated The Boys.

The management of the Saddle-rock cafe won a place with the band boys Wednesday evening by entertaining them at supper after the ball game. The treat was much appreciated by the boys, who, by the way, rendered some very excellent music in a first-class manner throughout the day and evening. They have been working hard to get into the proper condition to play, and the word done Wednesday indicates that they have had considerable success.

Base Ball.

The Wellington team made it four straights from the "Millers" at Wellington last week. The team then came home, opening on Friday with Arkansas City. A parade headed by a band around the square and out to the ball park was indulged in. A large crowd was present. The "Millers" won 4 to 3. Saturday's game was postponed on account of rain. Sunday's game was won by the "Millers" 5 to 0. Monday they lost a ten inning game 5 to 4. On Wednesday they lost to Newton 4 to 1. After this series with Newton they go to Newton for four games, then to Hutchinson for four, then home with Wellington, opening here on the 29th.

Miss Glenn Brodie has returned from her trip east.

Gottlieb Ernsting was a visitor from the east side Tuesday.

Workmen began last week laying the water mains along 16th street.

James Ely was up from Coldwater last week on business, also visiting his fat father.

Watch for the ad of L. L. Taylor & Co., Dodge City, real estate firm. Some good bargains.

Hon. Tom Wagstaff, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Peter Doherty of Byron, Okla., who is visiting friends at Ellinwood, was in the city Wednesday.

A collision occurred Wednesday night between an auto driven by Ed Gano and a hack belonging to Albert Condra, and driven by Geo. White. The driver was knocked from his box and slightly injured about the head, while the other occupants escaped uninjured.

At a special meeting of the commercial club held last Friday evening, the following were named to represent that organization at the Farmers Institute to be held at the Hays City Experiment Station next month: Ira Brounger, C. S. Allison, W. P. Rubart, S. J. White, Henry Harper, Frank W. O. W. Dawson, Fred Miller, David Howell and Joe Walters.

The agricultural meeting at Hays City June 7 and 8 is promising to be a big thing. 1000 people are expected each day. The plans for the two days are the same. As Barton county has 800 automobiles, can't we get 100 to make the trip? A picnic dinner in the grove is being arranged for President Waters, Prof. Webster, and Prof. Ten Eyck of Manhattan, and Prof. Chilcott of Washington, D. C., will be there both days. Men having automobiles and wanting to make the trip, call on Mayor Dawson or S. H. Gwinn, Great Bend.

F. P. Roehr and B. E. Giles, former Benders residing in Hutchinson, were in town Tuesday on business and meeting their many friends.